



Request for Proposals (RFP) —Idaho Forestry Projects

The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is pleased to announce that federal grant funds may be available for projects that reduce threats to and increase the benefits of Idaho forests. As the state administrator of these grant-funded projects, IDL is seeking project proposals.

Title: Idaho Forestry Projects; Western Competitive Allocation

Due Date: August 1, 2010

Overview

Through the 2008 Farm Bill, the US Forest Service State and Private Forestry (S&PF) organization provides opportunities for states, through a competitive process, to conduct projects that address one or more of the three identified national themes: conserving working forest landscapes, protecting forests from harm, and enhancing public benefits from trees and forests. Federal funds are available for projects focused on issues and landscapes of national and state importance. To be competitive, projects must be locally supported and provide meaningful, lasting and measurable outcomes.

In Idaho, an assessment of forest resources was conducted and strategies were developed to address critical issues in priority landscapes. This RFP is designed to seek projects that will address the state identified issues and accomplish the goals found in The [Idaho Statewide Forest Resource Strategy \(SFRS\)](#)

Applicant and Project Eligibility

Applicants	State and local governments and agencies, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions and Tribal Governments are eligible applicants. Federal agencies are not eligible to receive funding under this program. Applicants must not be debarred from receiving federal funds and must comply with and follow the relevant Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines and administrative, cost and audit principals.
Funding Request Amount	Minimum \$75,000 / Maximum \$200,000
Project Length	A multi-year implementation timeframe, up to three years, is allowed.
Type of Projects	Projects must accomplish goals stated in the SFRS statewide or Priority Landscape Area strategy report (see <i>chapters 4-6</i>) and address at least one of the three S & PF national themes.
Collaboration	Applicants must indicate coordination and collaboration with partners that help shape the project.
Project Locations	Projects must be located in a <i>Priority Landscape Area</i> as designated in Chapter 5 of the SFRS report or statewide as identified in Chapter 6 of the SFRS .
Ineligible Project Activities	Construction activities or projects located on federal land are not eligible.



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Application Submission

Applicants must complete the attached [Idaho Forestry Project Application form](#).

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Submit applications electronically to Mary Fritz: mfritz@idl.idaho.gov

Application Review and Selection Process

This application is the first round of competition. Applications will be ranked based on the criteria below. Applicants will be notified whether or not their proposal was selected for further funding consideration by the end of September 2010.

Evaluation Criteria

Project Abstract	Provides a succinct and relevant overview, communicates critical elements and value of the project
Project Description	Clearly defines needs, goals, objectives, and how grant funds are to be used and success measured. Shows relevance and must help Idaho accomplish strategies and goals stated in Idaho State Forest Resource Strategy
Collaboration	Demonstrates collaboration with partners in shaping project proposal and committing to achievement of mutually beneficial outcomes.
Leverage	Maximizes leveraged resources (financial and in-kind) and outcomes from multiple entities that share state and private forestry mission
Match Requirement	Match is required and to be competitive, applicants should try to attain a 1 for 1 match from non-federal funding sources. Match can be in-kind or cash. Federal funds can be used as leverage, but not as match. For more information on this, please contact Mary Fritz (see bottom of page for contact information).
Meaningful Scale	The project is appropriate for outcomes to be achieved
Sphere of Influence	The approach clearly provides value beyond project and or state boundaries, is held up as an example and is replicable
Sustainability of Outcomes	Project clearly results in skills and enhanced capacity that extend beyond the life of the project itself.

Successful applicants will be invited to work with IDL in preparing a grant application for final competition with seventeen western states (due September 30, 2010). IDL should be notified of all grant awards by December, 2010.